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SUMMARY: EMBASSY DAKAR CONCURS IN DEPARTMENT DECISION TO

DECLINE REQUESTS FOR USG ASSISTANCE TO CEAO UNTIL FRANCOPHONES AND ANGLOPHONES CAN WORK OUT CONSENSUS ON REGIONAL COOPERATION. WE WOULD ALSO HESITATE TO RECOMMEND SUPPORTING CEAO OR OTHER REGIONAL GROUPING UNTIL DEMONSTRATED THAT PARTICIPANTS HAVE GIVEN GROUPING SUFFICIENT AUTHORITY AND RESOURCES TO CARRY OUT EFFECTIVE REGIONAL PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

1. ALTHOUGH SENEGALESE ARE GENERALLY CONSIDERED ONE OF STRONGEST BACKERS OF CEAO, AND SECGEN OF ORGANIZATION IS SENEGALESE, WE FEEL GOS HAS NOT YET TAKEN SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS TO SUPPORT ORGANIZATION BEYOND PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S RHETORIC ABOUT NECESSITY OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION. GOS HAS NOT APPROACHED EMBASSY IN ANY REGARD CONCERNING CEAO AND OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT EVEN FOR SENEGALESE, CEAO IS NOT CURRENTLY A HIGH PRIORITY. IN LIGHT THIS SITUATION AND FOR REASONS CITED REFTEL, AGREE IT INADVISABLE FOR USG BECOME INVOLVED IN SUPPORT OF CEAO UNTIL ORGANIZATION FIRMLY ESTABLISHED AND SUPPORTED BY SENEGAL AND SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OTHER WEST AFRICAN STATES WITH ACTIONS AND RESOURCES AS WELL AS WORDS.

2. EMBASSY DAKAR WILL REPORT ANY ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN BY GOS TO GATHER SUPPORT FOR CEAO, EITHER FROM WEST AFRICAN MEMBERS OR NONMEMBERS OR FROM EXTERNAL AID DONORS. VERY POSSIBLE PRESIDENT SENGHOR WILL TAKE LEADING ROLE AS CEAO SPOKESMAN IN ANY ATTEMPT TO INTEREST AID DONORS IN SUPPORT OF ORGANIZATION. HOWEVER, IF GOS APPROACHES EMBASSY, WE WILL RESPOND PER REFTEL.
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